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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

1. This application is a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 of pending prior application No. 10/060,208 filed on February 1, 2002 of:

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For: **Methods for Sterilizing Tissue**

Prior Application: 10/060,208
Examiner: Elizabeth L. McKane
Group Art Unit: 1744

2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

A new continuation application:

94 Pages of specification including
78 Pages of description
15 Pages of claims
01 Page of the Abstract of the Disclosure
49 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1a to 14d)

3. Oath or Declaration: A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
4. Relate Back (35 U.S.C. 120): Please see the attached Preliminary Amendment.

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5. Additional Papers Filed:
- (i) Copy of Declaration
 - (ii) Copy of Revocation of Original Power of Attorney and Grant of New Power of Attorney
 - (iii) Copy of Acceptance of Power of Attorney
 - (iv) Preliminary Amendment
6. Assignment: The prior application is assigned of record to Clearant, Inc. at Reel/Frame 012988/0723 on June 12, 2002.
7. Extension of Time in Parent Application No. 10/060,028: For the purposes of maintaining copendency between prior application 10/060,028 and this continuation application, Applicants petition for a five-month extension of time extending the period for response from February 15, 2007 to July 15, 2007, the fee for which is \$1,080.00 as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). This request is being filed under the next business day rule on Monday, July 16, 2007 as the due date for responding fell on a weekend (Sunday, July 15, 2007). If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a Petition therefore.
8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

APPLICATION FILING FEES FOR FEE CALCULATION				
Basic Application Filing Fee				\$00.00
Application Size Fee				\$00.00
Search Fee				\$00.00
Examination Fee				\$00.00
Sub-total =				\$00.00
CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
	Number Filed	Extra	at Rate of	
Total Claims	- 20		\$50.00 each =	\$00.00
Independent Claims	- 3		\$200.00 each =	\$00.00
Multiple dependent claims			\$360.00	\$00.00
Sub-total =				\$00.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				-\$00.00
Total Filing Fee =				\$00.00

9. Fee Payment: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,080.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the five-month extension of time fee in prior application 10/060,028.

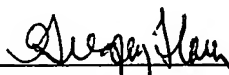
No Filing Fee is being paid by check or deposit account at this time. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the filing fees.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the registered practitioners of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP included in the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and all correspondence shall be addressed to that Customer Number. Please address all correspondence to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at Customer No. 009629.
11. **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Please accord this new U.S. Continuation Application a serial number and filing date.

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